

Remarks

Applicant's attorney, Gregory W. O'Connor, cordially thanks Examiner Singh for his gracious telephone discussion of the subject Office Action.

It was agreed in that telephone interview that claims 1-14, 15-25, and 27 recite a common "special technical feature" which, based on the current record in the subject patent application, defines a contribution which each of the elected process and apparatus claims, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art.

Claims 29 and 39, also directed to the elected invention, have been placed in independent form to facilitate examination.

Conclusion

Applicant believes no fees or petitions are due with this filing. However, should any such fees or petitions be required, please consider this a request therefore and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3199 as necessary.

If the Examiner should require any additional information or believes that prosecution of the application may be expedited via a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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